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Strengthening of ASI Offices
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen Archaeological Survey of India Offices in the country particularly at Bhubaneswar with required laboratory facilities and technical manpower for issue of non-antiquity certificate in time in order to boost export oriented handicraft industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the time by which the said process will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND
MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) &(b) Yes, Madam. Requisite laboratory facilities and technical manpower are provided in all laboratories, including Bhubaneswar, on need basis. There is an Expert Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Superintending Archaeologist of each Circle including Bhubaneswar Circle for issuing non-antiquity certificate brought by handicraft exporter for the purpose of export. The Committee meets regularly in the Circle office as and when request for issuing of non-antiquity certificate is received from exporter. There is no report of delay in disposing of such request.